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October 13, 1998

Mike Ford
Bureau of Land Management
Salt Lake District Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Horse Creek Project, S/049/034, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ford:

On September 17, 1998, the Division received a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations from Lon Thomas (American Stone) for his Horse Creek Project, located in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 35, T11S, R9E, SLBM, Utah County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is unknown at this time.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 fee. This fee was paid at the time of submission of the application.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. No additional information is required from the operator by the Division at this time.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. Please forward a copy of the enclosed SMO-NOI Summary, Operation and Reclamation Practices, as taken from Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (form MR-SMO). By accepting this Notice the Division expects the operator to comply with the practices listed on this page. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance request must be provided to and formally approved by the Division. This request would include the particular practice which the operator cannot comply with and an explanation describing the reasons why they cannot comply. A variance request is not required for the practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

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Please provide us with a copy of your final completeness/approval letter to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/0/0 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Kunzler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Kunzler
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO-NOI Summary
cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS
Lon Thomas, American Stone w/encl
Tracking File
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